

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN MARKS 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this week the Council of Khalistan, which leads the fight to free the Sikhs from the repression of India, marked its fifteenth anniversary. It was founded on October 7, 1987, when the Sikh Nation declared its independence and named their new country Khalistan.

The repression that has been inflicted on the Sikhs and other minorities in India before and after that declaration is well documented. The Indian regime has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to the book "The Politics of Genocide" by Inderjit Singh Jaijee. A report from the Movement Against State Repression notes that over 52,000 remain in Indian jails as political prisoners without charge or trial. Some of them have been held since 1984. Another 50,000 have simply been made to "disappear."

Sikhs are not the only ones. Christians, Muslims, Bodos, Assamese, Manipuris, and others have felt the brunt of Indian oppression, with tens of thousands of them losing their lives. That is why there are seventeen freedom movements in India. The Council of Khalistan, while it focuses on the Sikh struggle, has spoken out for freedom and an end to the repression for all these peoples and nations.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to take the occasion to congratulate the Council of Khalistan on its 15 years of service.

AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST IRAQ RESOLUTION OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of our President and this resolution that will authorize him to use the United States Armed Forces to confront the threat posed by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. I believe that this is a vote about trust. As many of my colleagues have stated, the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the power to declare war, and designate the President as the Commander in Chief. I trust President Bush and his Administration to make the right decisions with our armed forces. He has shown that he is a thoughtful and deliberate wartime president, and Congress should give him the authority to continue performing his duty on behalf of all Americans. This vote is our expression of trust in the President, and I hope that all Americans will

express their trust in the President when they go to vote in November.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution gives the President the necessary flexibility to confront the threat posed by Saddam Hussein through diplomatic or military means. I will support any diplomatic efforts taken by the Administration, but I am convinced that military action will be necessary in the end. In the past, Saddam Hussein and his regime have only responded to military force, and this resolution will guarantee that option to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, we must not wait until Saddam Hussein or terrorists that he has supported have the capability to attack the United States with weapons of mass destruction. Today, with this vote, Congress will give the President the discretion and the freedom to act whenever he thinks it is necessary to protect all Americans. At this critical point in history, inaction is not an option. We must destroy the capability of this evil dictator to hold his own people and the people of the world hostage. He must be stopped, and he must be stopped now. I would encourage all of my colleagues to join me in voting for his historic resolution. The safety of the United States hands in the balance.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this motion to instruct, and I thank my friend from Mississippi for offering it tonight. This motion would call on the House conferees to support a Senate provision in the defense authorization bill to allow disabled military retirees to receive concurrent payment of retired pay and disability compensation.

This is truly an issue of basic fairness. We owe our veterans a debt that we can never repay. They did not hesitate to answer their country's call, and stand up to defend our freedom. But current law ignores that sacrifice, and requires disabled military retirees to actually fund their own disability compensation by waiving a portion of their retiree benefits. 400,000 veterans sacrifice their retirement pay every month.

Earlier today, this House voted to allow the President to use military force in Iraq. Now is our chance to tell the men and women who may very well serve in Iraq that we appreciate their service, that we will never forget their sacrifice. Now is our chance to show through actions, not just words, that we honor the work they do for our country.

We owe our veterans a debt of gratitude, but more than that we owe them our unwavering support. I urge my colleagues to support

this motion to instruct so that veterans can collect their full retirement pay and their disability compensation. They have certainly earned it.

HONORING HOLLIS BIDDLE OF WACO, TX

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, we live in a time when Americans change jobs as frequently as every five years. The kind of loyalty that used to be commonplace between employers and employees, when people more often than not spent their entire career with one organization, is rare today. That fact makes today's observance of Mr. Hollis Biddle's fifty years with the Waco Tribune-Herald indeed remarkable.

The Waco Tribune-Herald is my hometown daily newspaper in Waco, Texas, a member of Cox newspapers and the largest publication in the 11th Congressional District.

Following a high school class in journalism, Mr. Biddle, a native of Waco, began his career in 1952 as a copy boy with the morning newspaper, the News-Tribune, and the afternoon Times-Herald. He worked hard and won a Fentress Foundation Scholarship to Baylor University, where he majored in Journalism. Biddle worked as a reporter and went to school, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism in 1958.

Hollis Biddle worked his way into the Sports Department, eventually becoming Assistant Sports Editor. Traveling to small towns across Central Texas, he wrote about the teams, the bands, the cheerleaders. In Small Town Texas then and now, youth sports are a major source of pride for any community, and Hollis Biddle became very well known through his coverage. He wrote about high school and college football, baseball, basketball and any other athletic competition.

He became best known, however, as an advocate and promoter for Little League Baseball. As the organization was just beginning to grow, his stories excited interest across Central Texas, from youngsters who wanted to play, from the parents and from community leaders who learned from Biddle's stories about the benefits of such healthy competition.

Biddle worked to establish the state's Little League headquarters in Waco, and the Tribune-Herald was the official "paper of record" for Little League results for two decades. Grown men stop him on the street today to tell him, "You took pictures of me playing Little League Baseball years ago and I still have that newspaper."

Hollis finally gave up sports reporting, and is now an integral part of the Trib's Marketing Department. He is in charge of special newspaper sections and promotions, including weekly publication of the Baylor Insider in cooperation with the Baylor Foundation.

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